

Today in the
town of David a
Savior has been
born to you....

Luke 2:11



*Second Congregational Church in Wilton,
United Church of Christ
Open and Affirming*

ORDER OF WORSHIP
CHRISTMAS DAY
December 25, 2022

Welcome to the worship of God at the
Second Congregational Church in Wilton,
United Church of Christ.

We are glad you are here today!

*Bold print means congregational participation.
An asterisk (*) indicates to please stand, if you are able.*

GATHERING FOR THE WORD

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

***HYMN** “Angels From the Realm of Glory“ **NO. 189**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (UNISON)

God of the babe of Bethlehem and God of each one of us, like the angels of old we come into your presence proclaiming, “Glory be to God in the highest!” Like the ancient shepherds we come seeking him who was born in a manger. Like the hymn writer we sing, “O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us we pray; cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.” Hear our prayer, Holy One, as we come before you on this Christmas morning with glad and grateful hearts. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI TUNE: GREATOREX**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.

ENGAGING THE WORD

ANTHEM

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER
THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those
who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE

INVITATION TO SHARE OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*DOXOLOGY Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

Gracious God, loving us so dearly in your gift of the
Christ child, we humbly present our gifts and offerings
on this grand Christmas morning. Take what we give
and who we are that the light and hope that was so
present in Jesus, may continue to shine and inspire
the lives of others in kind and encouraging and faithful
ways. Amen.

***HYMN** “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” **NO. 198**

READING FROM SCRIPTURE Luke 2:8-16

SERMON “We Celebrate His Birth”

GOING WITH THE WORD

***HYMN** “Go Tell it On the Mountain” **NO. 218**

***BENEDICTION**

The heart of Christmas is love —
the love Jesus gives us to share with others ...
the love that makes each of us special to him ...

The heart of Christmas is joy —
the joy we receive through grace ...
the expectant joy that carries us into the
New Year ...

The heart of Christmas is peace —
the peace that comes through knowing Jesus ...
the assurance that comes from placing our
lives in his hands.

ALL: So may the heart of Christmas —
the love of Jesus
the joy of grace
and the peace of God
be with us today and always. Amen!

***POSTLUDE**

On The Calendar

Deacon's Meeting, December 28, 7:00 PM Via Zoom
Annual Meeting, January 22nd following Worship

Announcements

Annual Meeting reports to Leslie by Jan 1 if at all possible

Del, our Administrative Assistant will be on vacation
December 23, 2022 –January 2, 2023

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Rev. Larry Smith, Guest Pastor
Karen Nelson, Guest Musician
Patricia Cauchon, Director of Music
All the Congregation, Ministers to the World

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